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SINCE 06 FEBRUARY 2023:



4.6 MOVERALL
POPULATION IN NEED



7,692 INJURED



4,377DISASTER-RELATED DEATHS

WHO KEY FIGURES

NUMBER OF SURGED PERSONNEL

3 SURGE STAFF DEPLOYED TO GAZIANTEP

(18 PLANNED)

SUPPLIES DELIVERED SINCE 06 FEB

SUPPLIES DELIVERED



257 METRIC TONS

FUNDING US\$

FUNDING REQUESTED FOR 3 MONTHS

15 MILLION

HEALTH CLUSTER

HEALTH CLUSTER PARTNERS

55

TARGET POPULATION

1.8 MILLION

HEALTH FACILITIES

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SITUATION UPDATE

7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Türkiye near the Syrian border at around 04:17 am local time on Monday, February 6th, 2023. A second 7.5-magnitude earthquake hit at around 13:30 local time (10:30 GMT). In northwest Syria, over 7,558 buildings were damaged, and 11,000 families affected by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Türkiye near the Syrian border at around 04:17 am local time on Monday, February 6th, 2023. A second 7.5-magnitude earthquake hit at around 13:30 local time (10:30 GMT).

According to (Early Warning, Alert and Response Network (EWARN) and surveillance teams, the number of deaths in NWS assessed on 11 February is over 4,692 and 7,692 injuries. This is a conservative estimate as the search and rescue operations in NWS are impeded by the lack of human resource capacity and the required heavy machinery to extract the injured from under the rubble.

Impact earthquake on the services delivery in NWS:

- suspension of EWARN, surveillance and laboratory interventions.
- Disruption of All cholera treatment, infection prevention and control, Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities
- Discontinue of All routine immunization services including the 93 EPI Centres and community outreach activities
- Suspension of two planned and ongoing emergency vaccination campaigns, including combined measles-rubella (MR) and bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV), Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) and ongoing COVID-19 immunization campaigns.
- Significant disruptions to essential health services across NWS have been reported.

DAMAGE & HEALTH NEEDS

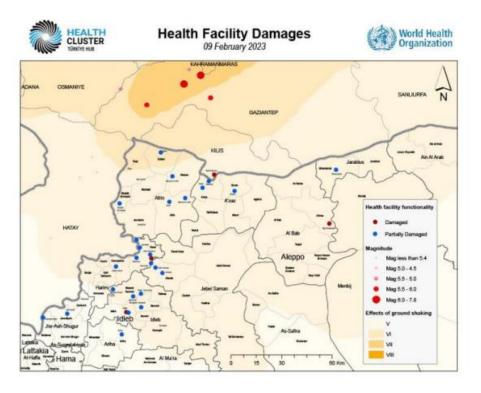
- Details about the impact, and population health needs continue to emerge, and the data below is likely to change significantly.
- Key updates and the impact of the earthquake in NWS are available on the <u>earthquake response</u> dashboard.

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Health facilities damages:

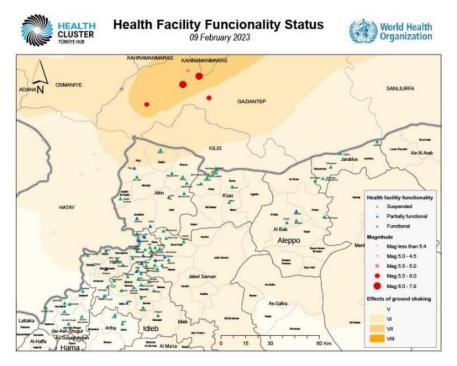
Damaged Facilities	Aleppo	Idleb	Grand	
			Total	
Damaged	2	2	4	
Partially Damaged	15	18	33	
Grand Total	17	20	37	

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Suspended (non-functional) facilities:

Functionality	Aleppo	Al-	Idleb	Grand
		Hasakeh		Total
Partially functional	9	2	6	17
Suspended	2		1	3
Grand Total	11	2	7	20

Health facility damage & functionality in NWS (Source: Health Cluster Flash Update #1)

WHO RESPONSE

Leadership & Coordination

- WHO immediately activated an Incident Management System (IMS), appointed IMS teams at NWS, regional and HQs and the deployment surge support team arrived at GZT on 8th Feb 2023.
- WHO is rapidly expanding partner support into NWS through the cross-border mechanism to meet the needs of affected Syrian populations through the most rapid modality.

Health Partner updates



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Health Cluster Flash update#1 for the earthquake response in NW Syria: <u>Northwest Syria:</u>
 <u>Earthquake Affected Areas and Border Crossings (As of 9 February 2023) - Syrian Arab Republic</u>
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Health operations

- WHO is scaling up its earthquake response operation through the planned deployment of additional surge capacity including epidemiologists, trauma specialists, operations, logistics and supply chain staff and WASH, information management support and communication.
- As Immediately response after the earthquake, the WHO Gaziantep distributed 183 metric tons of Trauma and Emergency Surgical Kits (TESK) and medical supplies to 10 partners supporting 68 health facilities inside NWS. 687 various modules of trauma emergency surgical kits (TESK), essential ICU medicines, and NCD kits sufficient to treat 34,350 medical interventions.
- WHO is mounting an EMT response to NWS with 1 national NGO partner issuing a Request for EMT assistance as of 12 February 2023.

WHO priority intervention

- Assessing the current situation, identifying the specific health needs ensuring the vulnerable population access to free essential healthcare services (MNCH, MHPSS, NCDs and medicines)
- Enhance the Trauma and mass causality response (prehospital and hospital care)
- Maintaining EWARN and surveillance system to early detection and responding to public health vents in timely affective manners
- Deployment of WHO-Classified EMTs to the most affected areas to support the trauma response and the re-establishment of essential medical services.

Operational Support and Logistics

PRE-POSITIONED SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION COVERING 183 tons with supplies and medicines for >34,000 Trauma cases

- Mon, 6 Feb: pre-positioned supplies (inside NWS) were sent to 10 partners covering 68 health facilities (both hospitals and PHCS) and reached 16 hospitals.
- 687 kits and line items including anaesthetics and consumables were provided. The supplies are sufficient to treat 34,350 trauma cases, at the count of 2 surgical interventions per patient.

CROSS-BORDER SHIPMENTS: 74 tons delivered and a further 15 tons on the way

- Charter from DXB arrived in IST containing TESK modules (for a value of \$295,000.00 -the volume of 184cbm -the weight of 37 tonnes) estimated to provide care for 50,000 beneficiaries, and 60,000 urgent surgical interventions landed in Turkey on the 10th of Feb.
- Sat, 11 Feb WHO shipped 7 trucks containing 74 metric tones of WHO emergency trauma kits, essential medicines and supplies including materials received on the first charter flight from Dubai. These are sufficient to provide 3.2million treatment courses.

PLANNED:

Next XB shipment: 14 Feb – 3 trucks of supply to cross the Border into NWS currently being prepared.



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- 2nd Charter Flight: 14 Feb flight 11.8 tonnes from Dubai with further TESK and IEHK kits (total # still being finalized). The plan is to send those directly across the border once offloaded.
- 3rd Charter Flight: additional stock of TESK Kits (for a value of \$51.600.00 -volume of 23.6cm -weight of 3.2 tonnes) which is expected to be released from Brindisi Prepositioning Hub, will be put in first in kind flight from Europe that can be booked.

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